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8. The Polmin refinery was the largest. Out of the 50 thousand ton daily output of oil, Polmin would take one-third, Malo Polska and Galicia each would take one-fourth, and the remainder would be taken by the others.
9. There were no turbodrills used or available in this area. [ ] a "ydar" type drilling method which was a continuous jabbing into the ground. It took [ ] from eight to nine months to drill a 12 hundred meter deep well, if [ ] had no breakdowns.
10. In 1940 the Soviets attempted to use a rotating drilling method, but due to the rock formation in the Carpathian mountainous area it was impossible. However, they used the rotating method elsewhere where the ground was softer.
11. There were about two hundred drilling rigs in the Borislav oil field. A US firm, "Oil Well Supply," furnished 50% of the rigs and the other 50% was supplied by "Wirth-Wuelfield," a German firm.
12. During the Polish regime, the oil field equipment was poor. In 1939 there were only about 15 holes drilled in this area.
13. There were about two hundred to three hundred pumping stations. Some of the oil firms would have about 12 pumps each. A small oil well owner would also have some sort of a small pump.
14. The Polmin, Galicia, and the Malo Polska refineries had cracking units, but only on a laboratory scale.
15. During the Polish regime, there was no sabotage, shortage of personnel or material but there were after the Soviets took over. The Soviets [ ] were unable to supply [ ] any materials, but [ ] still had a quota to fulfill and [ ] get the materials; they didn't care how or where.
16. At this time the Soviets also felt that they were not in position to work the oil field and permitted the private companies to continue working all the oil fields for the time being.
17. Under the Polish law which was carried over from Austrian days, the land owner owned the mineral rights and a company would work his land. The company could purchase the mineral rights from the owner, but pay the owner a 15 to 17% of the gross to be payable in US dollars. After the Soviets assumed control, the oil fields were confiscated by the state and the land-owners lost everything and no remuneration was given whatsoever.
18. Before the oil fields in the Borislav area began to be exploited, years ago, the people found oil in rivers or streams, on the surface of the ground, streets and even in their own back yards. They would take tufts of horse tail, tie them together, and pull the tufts through the oil. They then squeezed the oil from the tufts into a bucket and used the oil for their lamps or trading purposes.

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